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PATENT

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METHOD FOR CONDUCTING A CONTEST  
USING A NETWORK

## [0001] TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention is related to an architecture for conducting a contest. In one aspect, it relates to a method for conducting a contest using a network.

## [0002] CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a Continuation application of pending U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/594,292, filed on June 15, 2000, entitled "METHOD FOR CONDUCTING A CONTEST USING A NETWORK", which is a Continuation-In-Part of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/568,754 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR CONDUCTING A CONTEST USING A NETWORK" filed May 11, 2000, which is a Continuation-In-Part of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/378,221 entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ACCESSING A REMOTE LOCATION BY SCANNING AN OPTICAL CODE" filed August 19, 1999, which is a Continuation-In-Part of the following two U.S. Patent Applications: Serial No. 09/151,471 entitled "METHOD FOR INTERFACING SCANNED PRODUCT INFORMATION WITH A SOURCE FOR THE PRODUCT OVER A GLOBAL NETWORK" filed September 11, 1998, and Serial No. 09/151,530 entitled "METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A

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*now U.S. Patent No. 6,631,404*  
*now U.S. Patent No. 6,745,734*

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